

REMARKS

Claims 13 and 16 to 32 are canceled. Claims 33 and 35 are amended. Claims 36 to 41 are new. No new matter has been added. Claims 33 to 41 are pending in the present application. Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 33 to 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, claims 33 and 35 have been rewritten in independent form, including the features of the claims from which each previously depended. New claims 36 to 41 depend from one of claims 33 to 35 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Since claims 13 and 16 to 32 have been canceled, the rejections to those claims are moot. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation/divisional application with the subject matter of those claims.

In summary, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 33 to 41 of the above-identified application are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all claims 33 to 41, as presented above, are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the present application issue as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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